

# Events 2017



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LANDSCAPE**

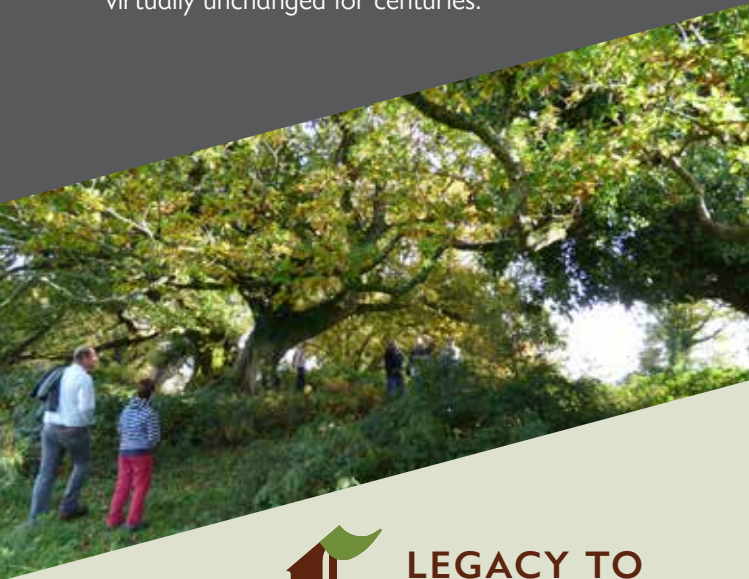
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# Legacy to Landscape: a landscape for all to enjoy

Legacy to Landscape is a three-year project involving the community and celebrates a hidden area of landscape in an area of East Devon, based on a 1780s map of the Shute Estate.

This historic map covers the landscape of the Colyton and Shute area. See pages 6 and 7 for map of project area.

Our second year of wildlife and history activities will reveal the rich heritage of this hidden landscape, which has remained virtually unchanged for centuries.



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- **Discover wildlife on your doorstep**
- **Unravel the mysteries of the past**
- **Help improve your local environment**

## **Ancient Tree Hunt 2017**

Help us find those old, gnarled and large trunked ancient trees forgotten and hidden in the legacy landscape, across the district.

Ancient trees aren't mapped across the landscape in the same way ancient woodland is, which makes them unintentionally vulnerable to neglect and lack of management. We need to find where they are to ensure their protection and encourage their seedlings to provide future woodland in this special landscape.

Find out more on how to survey ancient trees on an 'Ancient Tree Hunt in Woodend Park', on Sunday 26 February. **Details on page 7.**

# ABOUT OUR EVENTS

All ages welcome unless otherwise stated. Outdoor walks will not take place if heavy rain forecasted. If in doubt, please contact us, details can be found on the back page of this guide.



## **Wonderful wildlife**

Recent wildlife surveys in the Umborne Valley reveal rare meadows rich in wildflowers. However most of the wildlife in the project area is under recorded. The project is discovering how much wildlife still thrives and identifying opportunities to improve it. Wildlife events have been organised to involve local communities in learning how to identify wildlife on their doorstep. This will help in increasing records for the whole project area.



## **Practical conservation**

Practical conservation sessions help improve the landscape and its wildlife. Stay for a few hours or the whole day and play a part in securing the area's wildlife for future generations to enjoy. Tools, gloves and drinks provided.







## **Unearthing the hidden history of the local landscape**

The project area contains a medieval deer park, ancient trees, and was once covered in orchards. However little information is available about its history. We are sure it has many fascinating secrets. If you would like to get involved, then please join us and help investigate old maps and other historical documents and books. We will also be gathering oral histories. If you have a memory to share about the landscape we would love to hear from you. Help us piece together this remarkable historic jigsaw.

## EVENTS KEY

### **Information about an event**

-  If booking is required
-  Cost
-  A point of contact, to book or for information
-  Location

# EVENT LOCATIONS

- 1 Bolshayne Farm
- 2 Colyford Memorial Hall
- 3 Cottshayne Wood
- 4 Enna Wood
- 5 Flowerfields, Whitford
- 6 Hillhead picnic site, Colyton
- 7 Holyford Woods LNR
- 8 Lucehayne Meadow
- 9 Market place, Colyton
- 10 Musbury Village Hall
- 11 Pennyhayes Farm
- 12 Seaton Down Hillfort
- 13 Shute, St Michael's Church
- 14 Woodend Park
- 15 Peace Memorial Hall



Project boundary



King John's Oak tree





## EVENTS BY DATE

Details of events from February to December. [See key on page 4](#)




### **Ancient tree hunt in Woodend Park** **Sunday 26 February, 2pm to 5pm**

Learn how to record ancient and other veteran trees and meet the more elderly tree residents in the Legacy Landscape. With Jill Butler, Woodland Trust. Please bring flexible tape measure, and if you have them a GPS, smartphone or tablet.

 No booking required

 Free

 01404 310012, [legacytolandscape@gmail.com](mailto:legacytolandscape@gmail.com)

 Parking: Shute village, Haddon Road, EX13 7QR.  
Meet village noticeboard at start of Haddon Road (Shute Barton end).





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## **Surveying for dormice**

***Saturday 18 March, 10am to 3pm***

Learn about and help set out dormice tubes to allow monitoring of the expanding dormouse population at Cottshayne Wood. Some light clearance of vegetation is also planned.

Booking essential

Free

Christina Bows, 01297 23822

tinabows@hotmail.co.uk

Parking: GR 226 935



## **Introduction to use of OS Maps in historical research**

***Tuesday 21 March, 10.30am to 12.30pm***

A practical hands on workshop led by Hugh Dyer-Westacott, showing how OS maps can be used to investigate changes in the landscape.

No booking required

Free

01404 310012, legacytolandscape@gmail.com

Colyford Memorial Hall, Swan Hill Road

EX24 6QJ



## **The making of the landscape**

***Sunday 26 March, 2pm to 4pm***

How the rocks, geology and structure beneath our feet have been fashioned by the forces of erosion to make the landscape we see and enjoy today. Geologist, Richard Edmonds explains, from the vantage point at Musbury Castle Iron Age Hill Fort which affords spectacular views of the Legacy area. Bring binoculars.

No booking required

Free

01404 310012, legacytolandscape@gmail.com

Park/meet Musbury Village Hall car park



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## **Spring wildlife in Woodend Park**

*Sunday 2 April, 2pm to 5pm*

Explore spring flowers, enjoy bird song and early spring wildlife and discover more about the ancient trees in this former medieval deer park with experts Chris Knapman, Graham Jones and Marjorie Waters.

No booking required

Free

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## **Discover Seaton Down Hillfort**

*Wednesday 19 April, 2pm to 4pm*

Bill Horner, County Archaeologist, will reveal what the humps and bumps of the site tell us about what happened here in the past.

No booking required

Free

01404 310012, [legacytolandscape@gmail.com](mailto:legacytolandscape@gmail.com)

Parking at Seaton Tower layby, Seaton Down Road, EX12 2TH (SY 233 913)



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## **Seaton Down Hoard**

*Wednesday 26 April, 7.30pm*

Talk by Thomas Cadbury, Royal Albert Museum. Event organised by Colyton Parish History Society.

No booking required

£2 non members, £1 members

[colytonhistory.co.uk](http://colytonhistory.co.uk)

Colyford Memorial Hall  
Swan Hill Road, EX24 6QJ

**NEW**

# Discovery strolls

**Local groups are invited to get involved with our guided walks**

We are offering 'Discovery Strolls' – a chance to get out and explore the landscape. Enjoy the views and see wonderful wildlife using easily accessible routes, walking at a relaxed and leisurely pace. Walks last about an hour or so, to suit group needs and are on fairly level ground.

For information on how to book one of our guided walks for your group, please see contact details on the back page of this guide.





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## **Bluebell day at Holyford Woods**


**Monday 1 May, 11am to 4pm**

Celebrate the wood's great carpets of bluebells. Activities, refreshments and guided walks, including spring flower and history walks.

 No booking required

 Free

 [holyfordwoods.org.uk/bluebellday](http://holyfordwoods.org.uk/bluebellday)

 Holyford Woods Local Nature Reserve.

Free parking at Colyford Memorial Hall with free shuttle bus operating from 10.30am. Last bus returns at 4.15pm.



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## **Ancient tree hunt in Woodend Park**


**Sunday 7 May, 2pm to 4pm**

Help us with our Legacy to Landscape Ancient Tree Hunt and learn how to record ancient and other veteran trees. With Jill Butler, Woodland Trust. Please bring flexible tape measure, and if you have them a GPS, smartphone or tablet.

 No booking required

 Free

 01404 310012, [legacytolandscape@gmail.com](mailto:legacytolandscape@gmail.com)

 Parking: Shute village, Haddon Road, EX13 7QR.

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## **Meadow in midsummer, Bolshayne**


**Saturday 27 May, 2pm to 4pm**

Enjoy the orchids and other summer wildflowers of the glorious hay meadow at Bolshayne, with botanists Phil Wilson and Marian Reed.

 No booking required

 Free

 01404 310012, [legacytolandscape@gmail.com](mailto:legacytolandscape@gmail.com)

 Bolshayne Farm, Southleigh Road, EX24 6RX

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## **Landscape detectives**


*Wednesday 31 May, 2pm to 4pm*

Short relaxed, gate leaning amble to see clues in this marvellous landscape that reveal the history of the Pole Estate in Colyton parish.

 No booking required

 Free

 01404 310012, [legacytolandscape@gmail.com](mailto:legacytolandscape@gmail.com)


 Hillhead picnic site, Colyton (SY 244 934)



## **Orchids at dusk, Widworthy**


*Wednesday 7 June, 6.30pm to 8pm*

Magical evening walk amongst a sea of orchids and enjoy a riot of colour from early summer meadow plants with botanists Phil Wilson and Marian Reed.

 Booking essential

 Free

 01404 310012, [legacytolandscape@gmail.com](mailto:legacytolandscape@gmail.com)

 Location map sent on booking. Lucehayne Meadow, near Widworthy

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## **English Civil War, 'a day in the life of the Colyton towns folk'**

*Saturday 10 June from 10.30am*

Visit the history activity at the Legacy to Landscape stall as part of this community event. Visit [colyton.co.uk](http://colyton.co.uk) for more information.

 No booking required

 Free

 01404 310012, [legacytolandscape@gmail.com](mailto:legacytolandscape@gmail.com)

 Market Place, Colyton from 10.30am



# Explore the old Shute Estate

**Shute Barton, National Trust open weekends:** Shute Barton, was the first Shute House, and medieval home to the Bonville and then the Pole Families with commanding views over their extensive land.

20 to 21 May

17 to 18 June

14 to 15 October

18 to 19 November

For further details, including opening times please visit [nationaltrust.org.uk/shute-barton](http://nationaltrust.org.uk/shute-barton)





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## **Introduction to bumblebees**


**Tuesday 13 June, 10.30am to 1pm**

Find out about the amazing lives of our most important pollinators and seek out which ones are buzzing in Bolshayne meadow and orchard with Cathy Horsley, from the Bumblebee Conservation Trust.

 Booking essential

 Free

 01404 310012, [legacytolandscape@gmail.com](mailto:legacytolandscape@gmail.com)

 Bolshayne Farm, Southleigh Road, EX24 6RX



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## **Meadow magic, Widworthy**


**Saturday 17 June, 2pm to 3.30pm**

Stroll amongst this stunning wildflower meadow and enjoy the glorious display of orchids and 'shackle baskets', local name for Hay Rattle, with botanists Phil Wilson and Marian Reed.

 Booking essential

 Free

 01404 310012, [legacytolandscape@gmail.com](mailto:legacytolandscape@gmail.com)

 Location map sent on booking, Lucehayne Meadow, near Widworthy




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## **Bats about bats, Shute Church and Shute Woods**


**Friday 14 July, 8.30pm to late**

Introductory talk in historic Shute Church followed by bat detecting walk in local landscape with bat expert Fiona Mathews. Bring a torch.

 No booking required

 Free

 01404 310012, [legacytolandscape@gmail.com](mailto:legacytolandscape@gmail.com)

 Parking Shute village, Haddon Road, EX13 7QR



## **Insect safari, Pennyhayes**


***Sunday 16 July, 2pm to 4pm***

Join expert Martin Drake in search of the bugs that live and buzz in the meadows and hedgerows at Pennyhayes Farm.

 No booking required

 Free

 01404 310012, [legacytolandscape@gmail.com](mailto:legacytolandscape@gmail.com)

 Pennyhayes Farm, Lodge Lane, Shute  
Axminster, EX13 7QP



## **Moth magic, Bolshayne**


***Saturday 22 July, 10am to 12pm***

Join moth expert Marjorie Waters, to get up close and examine the night catch of moths caught in Bolshayne meadow and orchard. Includes a stroll around the farm to see the varied habitats that the moths live in.

 No booking required

 Free

 01404 310012, [legacytolandscape@gmail.com](mailto:legacytolandscape@gmail.com)

 Bolshayne Farm, Southleigh Road, EX24 6RX







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## **Help King Johns Oak, Woodend Park** *Sunday 23 July, 10m to 12pm*

Lend a hand cutting back invading scrub and bramble around this ancient oak and learn more about this magnificent 800 year old veteran in the medieval Woodend Deer Park. Gloves, tools, and hot drinks provided. Stay for as little or long as you like.

📅 Booking essential

£ Free

📞 01404 310012

✉ [legacytolandscape@gmail.com](mailto:legacytolandscape@gmail.com)

📍 Location map sent on booking



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## **Lovely bug ball, Woodend Park** *Sunday 30 July, 2pm to 5pm*

A summer stroll to meet the trees in their summer finery and enjoy all things that flutter or buzz in this former medieval deer park with experts Chris Knapman and Martin Drake.

📅 Booking not required

£ Free

📞 01404 310012

✉ [legacytolandscape@gmail.com](mailto:legacytolandscape@gmail.com)

📍 Parking Shute village, Haddon Road, EX13 7QR.  
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## **Whitford Show**

**Saturday 5 August, 2.30pm to 5pm**

Come and visit the Legacy to Landscape stall at Whitford's annual summer show.

No booking required

£2 admission, children free

[maureendavey@btinternet.com](mailto:maureendavey@btinternet.com)

Flowerfields, Whitford, EX13 7PJ



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## **Learn to mow with a scythe, Cottshayne Wood**

**Tuesday 8 August, 10am to 4pm**

How to use a scythe to manage meadows and woodland rides on a one day workshop led by Chris Riley. Will include learning correct technique for this traditional tool, how to set up the grips and keep the edge sharp.

Booking essential

Free

01404 310012

[pete.youngman@eastdevonaonb.org.uk](mailto:pete.youngman@eastdevonaonb.org.uk)

Parking: GR 226 935



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## **Woodland ride management for butterflies**

**Saturday 12 August, 10am to 3pm**

Learn about and help maintain woodland rides for wildflowers and butterflies at Cottshayne Wood by cutting back this years growth. Gloves, tools and hot drinks provided.

Booking essential

Free

Christina Bows: 01297 23822

[tinabows@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:tinabows@hotmail.co.uk)


Parking: GR 226 935



## **25 years on – another walk through time**

**Saturday 9 September, 2pm to 5pm**


How history has helped reveal and enhance the biodiversity of Cottshayne, a planted ancient woodland site with Christina Bows. Adults only.

 Booking essential

 Free

 Christina Bows: 01297 23822

tinabows@hotmail.co.uk

 Parking: GR 226 935



## **Leaf through the past landscape walk**


**Friday 22 September, 2.30pm to 4.30pm**

Step back in time to explore the historic estate around Shute and enjoy the wildlife and history of this intriguing landscape. Part of the Shute Literature and Landscape Festival 2017 taking place at St Michael's Church and Shute Primary School. Visit [shutefest.org.uk](http://shutefest.org.uk) for more information.

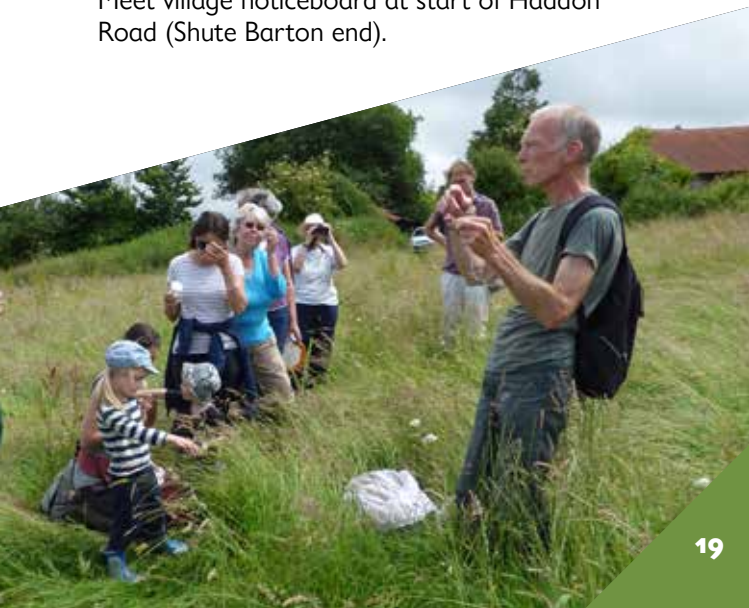
 No booking required

 Free

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## **Leaf through the past landscape walk**


*Sunday 24 September, 2pm to 4pm*

Step back in time to explore the historic estate around Shute and enjoy the wildlife and history of this intriguing landscape. Part of the Shute Literature and Landscape Festival 2017 taking place at St Michael's Church and Shute Primary School. Visit [shutefest.org.uk](http://shutefest.org.uk) for more information.

 No booking required

 Free

 01404 310012, [legacytolandscape@gmail.com](mailto:legacytolandscape@gmail.com)


 Parking Shute village, Haddon Road, EX13 7QR  
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## **Colyford Goose Fayre**


*Saturday 30 September, 2pm to 5pm*

Visit the Legacy to Landscape stall at the annual medieval Goose Fayre which includes mummers, strolling players, musicians and dancers in medieval costume and many an 'ancient' activity from archery to jousting.

 No booking required

 Admission by £3 programme which can be bought from Colyford and Colyton businesses, Under 14s free.

 [colyfordvillage.co.uk/goose](http://colyfordvillage.co.uk/goose)

 Medieval procession gathers at 2pm on green, Swan Hill Road, Colyford, EX24 6QJ. Fayre ground at Springfields with adjacent car parking.






## **Managing meadows**

**Saturday 7 October, 10.30am to 3.30pm**


Learn about wildflower meadow management from ecologists Phil and Marian at Pennyhayes Farm and lend a hand conserving a flower rich meadow on their farm – controlling spread of bramble that can smother the less vigorous meadow grasses and flowers. Stay for as long as you like but bring a packed lunch if stopping all day.

 Booking essential

 Free

 01404 310012

[pete.youngman@eastdevonaonb.org.uk](mailto:pete.youngman@eastdevonaonb.org.uk)

 Pennyhayes Farm, Lodge Lane, Shute  
Axminster, EX13 7QP



## **Devon's amazing hedges – their history, wildlife and management**


**Friday 27 October, 7pm**

Devon has the best hedges in the world! Hear about their long history, rich wildlife and management techniques from expert Rob Wolton, Chairman of the Devon Hedge Group.

 No booking required

 Free

 01404310012, [legacytolandscape@gmail.com](mailto:legacytolandscape@gmail.com)

 Colyford Memorial Hall  
Swan Hill Road, EX24 6QJ



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## **What do forests do for us?**


*Friday 10 November, 7pm*

Wolves and bears in Devon? Rod Lawrence draws parallels with today's global forests, what the forest in the Legacy project area may have looked like in the past and the diverse wildlife this valuable habitat supports. Could this environment return to the UK and East Devon?

 No booking required

 Free

 01404310012, [legacytolandscape@gmail.com](mailto:legacytolandscape@gmail.com)

 Peace Memorial Playing Fields Pavilion  
Coly Road, Colyton, EX24 6PU



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## **Tremendous trees, Enna Wood**


*Sunday 3 December, 1pm to 4pm*

Become bark and bud detectives with local tree enthusiast, Graham Jones, on a 'who's who', of the trees in this magical and quirky oblong wood. Plus other barking fun activities to celebrate National Tree Dressing Day. Visit [ennawoodland.org](http://ennawoodland.org) for more information.

 No booking required

 Free

 01404310012, [legacytolandscape@gmail.com](mailto:legacytolandscape@gmail.com)

 Enna Wood, Sutton Thorn,  
Colyton, EX24 6SW

# Find out about hidden history

## **Colyton Parish History Society Heritage Centre**

Merchant's House, Market Square,  
Colyton, EX24 6JR

Find out more about this historic area

- Admission free
- Open from April to October
- Opening hours Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri: 10am to 4pm.  
Sat: 10am to 1pm

## **Colyton History Walks with local guides**

*Every Thursday afternoon*

*6 April until 28 September, 2pm*

One hour walk around town

£ £3 per person (under 16s free)

👤 [colytonhistory.co.uk](http://colytonhistory.co.uk)

📍 Starting from Dolphin Street car park





## Contact the Legacy to Landscape team

Phone 01404 310012

Email [legacytolandscape@gmail.com](mailto:legacytolandscape@gmail.com)

Write Legacy to Landscape  
East Devon AONB, Kennaway House,  
Coburg Road, Sidmouth, EX10 8HL

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